

Moose Lake Advancement Association
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2017; Stone Bank School

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Joe Mattano

2. Roll Call of Officers and Board members

- a. President: Joe Mattano, present
- b. Vice President: Mike Popp, present
- c. Treasurer: Ed Langer, present
- d. Secretary: Laura Aaron Sear, present
- e. Board members at large, present: Dave Hartleip, Barbara Justen, Nick Rakich, and Gery Sewall

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 8, 2017)

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as written. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ed Langer shared the current balance sheet. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Lake Management: Mark Olson
 - i. Fish Management: Olson reported that Moose Lake fish are healthy, but we have the potential to improve size and number by developing new fish habitats. He recommends we explore building fish "cribs;" 8' x 8' structures of natural materials, weighted to sink to the lake floor. They would be built on the ice during the winter and will sink into place during spring thaw. A question was raised about cost; Olson noted that there are no permits required, so the only cost is the materials, which could possibly be donated. It was also suggested that this could be an Eagle Scout project. A motion was made and seconded that an ad hoc committee be formed to explore the construction of some fish cribs. Motion carried.
 - ii. Weed Treatment: Olson asked for feedback from members regarding weeds. There was general agreement that the weeds are greatly diminished and the Lake looks great. Olson noted that similar treatments have now been done in 2016 and 2017. The lake biologist surveyed the Lake and feels that it has been successful (mostly on the west side). Olson recommends we also explore options for mechanically pulling up weeds to eradicate them for a longer period of time. Joe Mattano noted that some other lakes have processes for this; he will try to explore over the winter.

- iii. Record-breaking Pike: Olson asked if anyone had a photo of a legendary record-breaking Pike caught on Moose Lake several years ago.
- b. Social: Jan Grimm and Mary Olson
 - Jan Grimm shared results of the social survey distributed at the May meeting. Top activity was Boat Tie-Up, second was a dance at Carl Schurz Park, and Packer Party was third.
 - The Boat Tie-up was held successfully this summer with very positive response. Activity at Carl Schurz Park is not likely at this point, but a Packer Party can be planned. Grimm noted upcoming noon games; members were supportive of choosing the December 3 game. Grimm will look into a location and will post information on the Facebook page.
 - Grimm and Mary Olson noted that the Chili Cook-Off and Fishing Contest was also well-received last winter and we will plan another for the Sunday in January that follows football play-offs, prior to the Super Bowl. Facebook page will have details.
- c. Website: Greg O'Hearn
 - Greg O'Hearn noted that he doesn't delete items off the web page (unless they are no longer relevant or have expired), so the website reads like a running "history." O'Hearn is willing to add information as requested by the membership.
- d. Facebook Page: Jan Grimm
 - Grimm reminded members that the Facebook page is public, and therefore you do not need to have a Facebook account to view it.

6. Old Business

- a. MLAA Handbook: Laura Sear
 - Laura Sear contacted past President Connie Muench to see if there is still a digital copy of the last MLAA handbook. Muench does not have it. Sear is willing to put together a new handbook, but would prefer to start with digital copies of the by-laws, history, etc. Jan Grimm offered to contact former Board member Marie O'Brien who might have it.
 - Grimm recommended a "door-to-door" membership drive to increase membership, get more weed treatment donations, and to update contact information. Mattano has a map with all addresses around the Lake. It was suggested that a script with key talking points be generated, and that a handout with information on Lake protection be created.
 - An ad hoc committee was formed including Dick and Sandy Aaron, Sybille Krause, and Sue Keely. Mattano also offered to help.
- b. 2017 Lake Level: Mike Popp
 - Mike Popp gave a brief recap of the lake level during late spring and summer, and the addition of notices/signs at the boat launch. He noted that there was a lot of activity on the Lake this summer without wake, but that the levels have really impacted the land around the Lake.

Popp also reported on the light at the boat launch, which had been replaced by the DNR with a high-intensity LED lamp. There were concerns expressed by residents on the peninsula about bright light. Popp called the DNR, but got no response. He then refocused the light himself, directing it away from the peninsula.

7. New Business

a. SEWRPC: Joe Mattano

Mattano reviewed the activity with the representative from SEWRPC (information was sent in the first fall newsletter). He noted that if SEWRPC responds with recommendations for action, we have until Dec. 31 to submit a grant for funding a system of alleviating the high water. As soon as Mattano receives information, he will send it to all riparian owners and call a special meeting to review and determine next steps.

Aaron moved that the Board and particularly the officers, be commended for the good work done during a difficult spring/summer to handle the weeds and the high water. Membership responded with a round of applause.

A question was raised regarding the SEWRPC assessment, and whether it was only in light of high water this year, or long-term damage due to waves and wakes? Popp responded that the assessment took into consideration all factors over time.

b. Establishing a Nominating Committee: Ed Langer

Mattano reminded the membership that Board elections are held at the spring meeting. He will be stepping down as President, and wanted to give advance notice so that other members can consider serving. Ed Langer reported that the Board would like to see a Nominating Committee formed to prepare for the Board elections. Langer cited the by-laws and the importance of holding an election in May, and assuring that the at-large Board members represent geographical diversity around the Lake. Langer asked for a volunteer to coordinate a Nominating committee. Tasks would include: polling the current Board members to determine who is interested in sitting for re-election; soliciting the membership to encourage others to run; and preparing a slate of potential nominees for the May meeting. There were no immediate volunteers, so O'Hearn and Grimm offered to post this information on the website and Facebook page, respectively.

Mattano offered to help whoever takes over as President, and will assist with the follow-up with SEWRPC. Popp thanked Mattano for his service and the membership gave him a round of applause.

8. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.